

Hamilton Field,  
General Purpose Administration  
(Facility No. 445)  
6th Street and Hangar Avenue intersection  
Novato  
Marin County  
California

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San Francisco, California

**HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY**

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**Location:** Hamilton Army Air Field  
Novato, Marin County, California  
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U.S.G.S.: Novato, CA. Quadrangle (7.5' series), 1954 (revised 1980)  
Petaluma Point, CA. Quadrangle (7.5' series), 1959 (revised 1980)  
UTM Coordinates: Zone 10; A: 542100/4213620; B: 544720/4212220;  
C: 542760/4210650; D: 541040/4212600

**Significance:**

This administrative building was added to the base in 1943 during the height of World War II activity.

See narrative for Hamilton Field (HABS No. CA-2398) for a comprehensive Statement of Significance and individual report HABS No. CA-2398-A for a condensed Statement of Significance.

**Description:**

This temporary frame structure has a low-pitched twin and cross-gable roof with exposed rafters and louvers in some of the twin gable ends. Metal ventilators line the roof ridgeline. The horizontal board siding is covered with asbestos shingles. The foundation is concrete. Exterior fenestration includes eight- over eight-light square and six- over six-light rectangular wood sash double hung windows. Entry on the north and west sides are through solid-core wood doors with four lights over a recessed panel. Double glass and panel doors access the east side and a solid wood door provides egress from the south.

The interior is divided into a series of offices and rooms and has eight-inch-square asphalt tiles laid over a tongue and groove wood subfloor. Walls are plaster board with wood wainscoting and trim and the ceilings are suspended acoustical tile. The interior is lit by two-tube fluorescent lights mounted flush with the ceiling and covered with diffused plastic panels, or suspended from the ceilings on chains with open metal hoods.

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**Historical Context:**

See narrative for Hamilton Field (HABS No. CA-2398) and Section B in report HABS No. CA-239B-F.

Built in 1943, this building originally served as an equipment group maintenance and supply facility. In 1966 it was used for general administration purposes. It was included in the 1974 base closure and is currently part of an excess property sale.

**Sources:**

See narrative for Hamilton Field (HABS No. CA-239B) and Section B in report HABS No. CA-239B-F.

See the project Field Record, roll 34, exposures 5-8; roll 34, exposures 11-12; and roll 35, exposures 1-4.

**Project Information:**

Hamilton Army Air Field is owned by various federal entities including the Department of the Navy, Department of the Army, United States Coast Guard, and General Services Administration (GSA). The Army/GSA parcels are being excessed and sold to private developers. The Navy property is included in Base Closure and Realignment actions.

As part of the Army's undertaking, it has been determined in consultation with the California Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) that the excess sale will have an affect on properties at the air field, and that these properties are components of a district that is eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. Based on consultation with the OHP and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, pursuant to 36 CFR part 800, regulations implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470f), a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was entered into by the interested parties in March 1994. The agreement stipulated that prior to excess sale the Army must contact the HABS/HAER division at the Western Regional Office of the National Park Service, San Francisco, California, to determine the appropriate level and kind of recordation for the subject properties. The MOA further stipulated that copies of the documentation be made available to the OHP and appropriate local archives designated by the OHP. This recordation has been prepared in order to meet those stipulations.

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